THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SIXTY-FIRST DAY.

Friday, 25th August, 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B.A.,LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

*Q.—695. Mr. SPEAKER.—In this case also the Minister is not here.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—What happened to the Ministers ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Both of them have written to me that they will not be present here.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Yesterday, Sir, except the Hon'ble Minister Sri Veerendra Patil the rest of the Ministers were absent. Now that the Council is not in session, is it not necessary that all the Ministers should be present here.

Mr. SPEAKER.—All of them were not absent at the time of the question hour.

† Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—I will answer *Q.* No. 695.

STUDENTS STRIKE IN THE SCHOOLS OF BIDAR, KARWAR AND BELGAUM DISTRICTS.

*Q.—695. Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Belgaum II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that in the Districts of Belgaum, Bidar, Karwar and Gulbarga, students studying in III and IV Standard in the Schools, other than Kannada Schools, have boycotted their classes when the teachers entered their class to teach Kannada language as compulsory subject ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that these students have gone on strike as a protest against compulsory teaching of Kannada in non-Kannada Schools ;

(*c*) the names of such schools and the names of villages where the students went on strike ?

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† Indicates that the remarks or Speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

A.—Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).

(*a*), (b) & (*c*) No incident of such strike except in the Marathi Boys' and Girls' schools at Vadgaon in Belgaum District, is reported.

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—In the question I take exception to the word "compulsory" being used in parts (*a*) and (*b*). In the primary school there are certain set of subjects which are taught to children and they are not co sidered as compulsory subjects as such. They are taught to them as subjects which will be helpful for conditioning the children and giving them certain patterns. There is no such thing as compulsory subject in the primary school stage. For example, arithmetic is taught to the children from classes 1 to 7. So also history and science. They are not taught to them because they are compulsory. There is no such thing as compulsory subject in classes 1 to 7 in primary schools.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(*Marathi*).

† Sri B. D. JATTI.—Government has issued instructions to the D.D.P.I. to give exemption if they get representation from either the the parents or the school authorities.

Sri L. B. BIRJE.—(*Marathi*).

Sri B. D. JATTI.—For that also Government have issued instructions to the D.P.I. and other officers that they need not take any action.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(*Marathi*).

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There may be a mistake in one place, but the policy of Government is clear. We have issued instructions and we are not going to follow that if there is a mistake.

Sri L. B. BIRJE.—(*Marathi*).

Sri B. D. JATTI.—If it is a fact let the Hon'ble Member represent to me or to the Minister for Education and we will consider and see that they get the grant.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(*Marathi*).

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have told twice just now that instructions have been issued to officers not to force children to learn Kannada if they do not want to learn.

Sri L. B. BIRJE.—(*Marathi*).

Mr. SPEAKER.—(*Marathi*).

Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI.—Is it not in the interest of the future of the boys that they should know the language of the majority of the population to avoid sectarianism in linguistic matters ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—In this matter there was discussion in the Chief Ministers' Conference. It has now been decided that exemption should be given to all those who do not want to learn Kannada.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is it not the policy of the Government that in the 4th or 5th year children should learn the regional language. Ido not know why the Deputy Minister for Education said that it is not compulsory.

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—I think the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition has not heard me. In the primary school all the subjects included in category of subjects are taught to the children. There is no question of option here.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA —Is it open to anybody to cut down Arithmetic. According to the Deputy Minister, Kannada must be taught like any other subject and there is no option of the student here.

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—Tuat is what I am trying to say. In the primary classes, there is no such thing as optional or compulsory subject. Therefore the question should not have used the word 'compulsory'. All these subjects have been included and automatically taught. We think of the word 'compuisory' *or* 'optional' *or* 'elective' only in the high-school stage. According to the Education Intigration Advisory Committee, with which we have agreed, from the third class onwards regional language should be taught to all students.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My grievance is that this answer conflicts with the answer given by Hon'ble Chief Minister in regard to the decision taken at the Chief Ministers, Conference at Delhi.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The decision of the Chief Ministers, Conference have not been implemented yet. The Deputy Minister for Education was explaining things as they stand at present. According to the orders currently in vogue, teaching of Kannada is part of the teaching of subjects.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಬಿ ಮಲ್ಲಾರಾಧ್ಯ.—ಮು ಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪರಿಸ್ಥಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವೇನೆಂದರೆ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಐಚ್ಛಿಕವಾಗಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಓದಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಓದಲಿ. ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಹೋದರೆ ಬಿಡಲಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಲಾರಾಧ್ಯರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೂನಾನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು. ಏನೂ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಮತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಕ್ಲಾರಿಫೈಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಬೆಳಗಾಂ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮರಾಠಿ ಹುಡುಗ ಹುಡುಗಿಯರು ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಕಂಪಲ್ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಕಲಿಬಾರದು, ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವರು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನಾಯಿತಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದರು. ದೆಹಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನದಲ್ಲಿ ಆದನ್ನು ಅಡಿಷನರ್ ಅಥವಾ ಆಪ್ಷನರ್ ಸಬ್ಜೆಕ್ಟ್ ಆಗಿಯಾದರೂ ಇಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ನಾವು ಇನ್ನೂ ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—What is the position of the Belgaum schools now ? Is the strike going on or is teaching of Kannada going on ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—The strike has been called off long ago.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—What are the safeguards that have bean agreed to be given to the linguistic minorities in the Chief Ministers, Conference?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is too legnthy question.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—I am asking only in relation to the decision with regard to teaching of regional language at the primary stage.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It has already been answered, teaching of language is not compulsory at the primary stage.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—The Deputy Minister for Education has said that Kannada is compulsory form the third standard. There is some contradiction between the Chief Minister and the Education Minister.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—What the Deputy Minister for Edcation said is correct, according to the decision of the Government of Mysore. After that there was a conference of Chief Ministers in Delhi and in that confernce certain decisions were taken. I have already spoken about those decisions.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Whether those decisions taken at the Delhi conference will be accepted by this Government and implemented ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Those decisions will be considered by the Government and we will see they are implemented.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Whether the Chief Minister would be pleased to keep those decisions before the House ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—All these things have been sufficiently published in the newspapers and the Hon'ble Member has already read them several times.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know if the Government is aware that at Belgaum, the public have started a separate, private school of their own as a protest against the imposition of Kannada ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We are aware of the fact that certain parallel schools were started by an organisation from Kholapur, Maharashtra State.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the decision to which the Chief Minister made a reference, applies to Belgaum district as also the other districts of the State.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is left to the parents and sudents of different regions. If they do not want to be taught Kannada, we will consider.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(*Marathi*).

Sri B. D. JATTI.—(*Marathi*).

SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FOREIGN STUDIES

*Q.—716. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of officers of the State who have been sent for foreign training or studies for the last four year (Community-war